



WASHINGTON STATE YOUTH & GOVERNMENT

Governor's Cabinet Members

The Governor's Cabinet is intended to be a resource for the Governor on policy issues. Each Cabinet member should be knowledgeable about a particular area, such as transportation, education, public safety and criminal justice, social policy, environment, and so forth. A candidate for the Governor's Cabinet must be enrolled in grade 11 or equivalent and submit the appropriate application form to the State Office.

All Governor's Cabinet members **MUST** attend the Leadership Training to be held as scheduled in the Program Calendar.

The Governor will appoint 5 Cabinet Members each year. Every effort will be made to create fair distribution across districts.

Governor's Cabinet members have the following responsibilities:

1. Be familiar with all bills in the Bill Book which fall within their department and/or area of expertise and prioritize in order of importance and controversy with the Governor and other cabinet members.
2. Meet at least once per day with the Governor, as a cabinet, in order to brief the Governor on the status of bills pertinent to the member's department and those bills the Governor has requested be followed.
3. Attend committee hearings on the prioritized bills, testifying only if it is an important executive bill that appears to be failing.
4. Speak on the floor of the Chamber, at the end of the debate, only in those instances where an important executive bill appears to be failing.
5. Meet with each Representative or Senator who wants to lobby their bill with the Governor, along with the Governor whenever it is possible for the Governor to be present.
6. Serve as a resource for any Representative or Senator who is seeking lobbyists or others to speak on their particular bill.

7. Advise the Governor as requested and support executive decisions.
8. May prepare and submit up to two bills on area of expertise, with the approval of the Governor.
9. Seek opinions of key legislators for Governor.
10. Observe legislative sessions on the Governor's behalf and report back.
11. Perform other assignments as requested by the Governor.